Kitchen Upgrade

PRODUCT COMPARISON

Ninja AF180UKCP vs AF500UK: which air fryer is the smarter buy?

Compare Ninja Air Fryer MAX PRO AF180UKCP and Ninja Foodi FlexDrawer AF500UK. See which Ninja air fryer is best for UK families and kitchens.

	Ninja Foodi FlexDrawer Air Fryer, Dual Zone with R...	Ninja Air Fryer MAX PRO, 6.2L, Uses No Oil, Large ...
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Price	£244.99	**£169.99**
Rating	4.8/5	4.8/5
Reviews	3383	**11892**

Products Featured in This Guide

Ninja Foodi FlexDrawer Air Fryer, Dual Zone with Removable Divider, Large 10.4L ...

£244.99 4.8★

Ninja Air Fryer MAX PRO, 6.2L, Uses No Oil, Large Square Single Drawer, Roast, B...

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Display Neither of these models is really about flashy screens or premium display tech. Both use straightforward digital controls designed for speed and ease rather than gadgety extras. In that sense, this category is a tie: both are built to be simple, readable, and family-friendly rather than packed with unnecessary frills. For most UK buyers, that's a plus — you want quick temperature and timer adjustments, not a complicated interface.

Performance Product B wins here. The Ninja Foodi FlexDrawer AF500UK has a huge 10.4L capacity and a removable divider, which means it can act like one giant drawer or two separate cooking zones. That makes it far more capable for roasting a whole chicken, cooking chips and chicken together, or handling larger family meals without juggling batches. It also includes Max Crisp, which is excellent for frozen foods and getting a more aggressive finish. Product A still performs very well, and its 6.2L square drawer is ideal for everyday air frying, roasting, and baking, but it simply cannot match the sheer throughput of the FlexDrawer.

Build quality and design Product A wins on practicality and footprint. The AF180UKCP's 6.2L square single drawer is compact enough to sit more comfortably on a UK worktop, especially if your kitchen is short on counter depth. The included silicone tongs are a nice touch, and the non-stick basket and crisper plate are dishwasher safe, which makes cleanup easier. Product B is also well made and feels like a more ambitious appliance, but the larger body needed to house that 10.4L drawer means it demands more space and is less convenient for smaller kitchens. If you live in a flat or have limited worktop room, Product A is the better-designed fit.

Battery life This category doesn’t apply to either product, because both are mains-powered air fryers rather than battery devices. If you meant cooking endurance or long-session reliability, Product B has the edge simply because its bigger capacity and dual-zone flexibility make it better suited to sustained family cooking without needing multiple rounds. But in the strict sense, there is no battery life to compare.

Price and value for money Product A wins decisively on value. At £129.99, it is £129.90 cheaper than Product B, which is a massive gap for two appliances from the same brand with the same 4.8/5 rating. With 11,886 reviews, Product A also has a much larger real-world approval base than Product B’s 3,375 reviews, which adds confidence that it delivers consistently. Unless you genuinely need the extra capacity and flexibility, the MAX PRO gives you the stronger pound-for-pound deal. For many households, it hits the sweet spot between performance and affordability.

Game library/features Again, this category doesn’t apply literally, but if we translate it into cooking features, Product B wins. The FlexDrawer’s removable divider is the standout feature here, because it effectively gives you two cooking modes in one: dual-zone separation or one large open basket. That is hugely useful for family dinners, entertaining, and cooking different foods at different settings. Product A is more streamlined, offering air fry, roast, and bake in a single-drawer format, which covers the core jobs well but without the same versatility. If features are your priority, Product B is the more powerful kitchen tool.

Overall user experience Product A wins for simplicity, everyday convenience, and ease of living with it day to day. It is easier to justify on price, easier to fit on a crowded worktop, and easier to recommend for couples, smaller families, or anyone who mostly cooks one meal at a time. It feels like the air fryer most people will use often without thinking about it. Product B is the more impressive machine in raw capability, but it is also a bigger commitment in size and cost. In a busy household where you regularly cook for four or more, the FlexDrawer's flexibility can be a genuine game-changer; in a more typical UK kitchen, though, the MAX PRO is usually the more sensible buy.

Overall summary: choose Product A if you want the best balance of performance, price, and compactness. Choose Product B if you need maximum capacity and dual-zone flexibility for bigger, more varied meals. For most buyers, Product A is the better all-round purchase; Product B is the premium upgrade for larger families and keen batch cooks.

Winner: a

Product A is the better buy for most people because it delivers Ninja's strong air-frying performance at almost half the price of Product B. It has the same 4.8/5 rating, far more reviews, and a more manageable 6.2L square drawer that suits real UK kitchens better. Product B is brilliant if you need the extra capacity and dual-zone flexibility, but most households won't use that extra size often enough to justify the £129.90 premium. If you want the smartest overall purchase, buy Product A.

Buy Product A If...

Buy Product A if you want a reliable family-size air fryer that won't dominate your worktop or your budget. It's ideal for everyday chips, chicken, veg, tray-style bakes, and quick midweek dinners in smaller UK kitchens. It's the better choice if you mostly cook one meal at a time and want the best value.

Buy Product B If...

Buy Product B if you regularly cook for a larger family, batch cook, or want the flexibility of two zones or one huge drawer. It’s the one to choose if you often do mains and sides together, roast bigger joints, or want the extra headroom for entertaining. If space and price are less important than versatility, this is the premium pick.

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